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SUBJ: SWISS IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON BOTTLED WHITE WINE

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED SUBJECT RESTRICTIONS WITH DIVISION OF COMMERCE OFFICIAL (NICOLAS NAGY) CONCERNED WITH REGULATION OF WINE IMPORTS.

2. ACCORDING TO NAGY, ISSUANCE OF IMPORT LICENSES FOR WHITE WINE IN BOTTLES DURING 1975 WILL BE LIMITED TO QUANTITY OF 1974 IMPORTS BY IMPORTER AND COUNTRY OF ORIGIN. ACTION TAKEN EFFECTIVE MAY 26 TO PROTECT SWISS WINE INDUSTRY FROM RAPID INCREASE IN IMPORTS. IN PERIOD 1966-70 AVERAGE OF 17,000 HECTOLITERS OF MOSTLY HIGH QUALITY WHITE WINE IN BOTTLES IMPORTED PER YEAR. BY 1973 IMPORTS HAD CLIMBED TO 77,000 HECTOLITERS AND QUALITY (I.E., PRICE) HAD DECLINED SHARPLY. IN 1974, IMPORTS FELL BACK TO 62,000 HECTOLITERS, BUT DOMESTIC SALES OF SWISS WINES DROPPED EVEN MORE. BY MAY 5, 1975,  
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IMPORT LICENSES ISSUED FOR APPROXIMATELY SAME VOLUME OF

WINE AS WAS IMPORTED IN ALL OF 1974 WHILE DOMESTIC SALES  
OF SWISS WINES CONTINUED TO FALL. SPAIN AND ITALY  
PRINCIPAL BENEFICIARIES OF IMPORT GROWTH.

3. UNDER SYSTEM INSTITUTED MAY 26, AN INDIVIDUAL IMPORTER  
MAY OBTAIN 1975 LICENSES UP TO AMOUNT HE ACTUALLY IMPORTED  
FROM EACH COUNTRY IN 1974. IF HE HAS ALREADY RECEIVED  
LICENSES FOR MORE THAN 1974 IMPORTS, LICENSES FOR EXCESS  
WILL NOT RPT NOT BE CANCELED BUT MAY RPT MAY BE SUBTRACTED  
FROM 1976 QUOTA IF IT FOUND NECESSARY TO CONTINUE RESTRICTIVE  
SYSTEM INTO NEXT YEAR.  
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